

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF DAVID LEFKOWITZ,  
FOR HIS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE  
AS CANTOR OF THE PARK AVENUE  
SYNAGOGUE

## HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2001*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. David Lefkowitz, who will celebrate his 25th anniversary as Cantor of the Park Avenue Synagogue this month. Mr. Lefkowitz will celebrate the anniversary alongside members of the synagogue at a morning choral service and evening formal dinner-dance on May 5, 2001. Mr. Lefkowitz has served as the Cantor and music director (or hazzan) for the Park Avenue Synagogue since 1976.

One of Mr. Lefkowitz's most notable accomplishments in his playing of classical masterpieces of Jewish history. He has also premiered hundreds of new compositions and, in order to preserve a record of liturgical Jewish history, also created 44 volumes of Friday evening and Shabbat morning music. He has also restored and adapted long-obscure yet important compositions.

Mr. Lefkowitz, the son of a cantor and composer, was born in Cleveland, OH, and received his musical training at the University of Pittsburgh, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Julliard School. Prior to his work at the Park Avenue Synagogue, Mr. Lefkowitz served two other prestigious congregations, Paterson, New Jersey's Temple Emanuel and the Ocean Parkway Jewish Center in Brooklyn. With great success, Mr. Lefkowitz has performed in recitals, concerts, operatic roles and as a soloist with choruses and orchestras in oratorios and premiers of new Jewish musical works.

Mr. Lefkowitz is a former president of the American Society for Jewish Music and is the current president of the David Nowakowsky Foundation. He is also a faculty member of the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Mr. Lefkowitz and his outstanding work in my district. His enormous talent has provided the Park Avenue Synagogue with original worship music that has great cultural significance. In fact, many of these compositions have become the favorite selections of the many members of the Park Avenue congregation.

I am happy to congratulate Mr. Lefkowitz on his 25 years of service and recognize the many contributions he has given to the Park Avenue Synagogue.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2001*

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 99, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye".

## AMERICA'S STEEL INDUSTRY

### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2001*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support America's steel industry.

America's steel industry is in a near crisis state. Beginning in 1997, dumped and subsidized steel imports grew dramatically until they reached almost 40 percent of the U.S. steel market. Steel prices rapidly decreased; steel workers were laid off; steel companies filed for bankruptcy. As a result of the weakened steel industry, the level of imports deemed acceptable by the government increased, and recovery has been difficult.

The steel industry needs help. I believe H.R. 808 is a good first step in providing assistance. The Steel Revitalization Act of 2001 provides import relief by imposing 5-year quotas on the importation of steel and iron ore products in the United States. The quotas will return the import market share to the levels prior to 1997. This provision is very similar of H.R. 975, which passed the House with strong support in the previous Congress.

In addition, the legislation will augment the Steel Loan Guarantee Program, which provides guaranteed loans to qualified steel companies. Currently, steel companies are finding it almost impossible to raise capital through other sources, especially due to plummeting stock prices and decreasing demand. The Steel Revitalization Act will expand the program by authorizing \$10 billion rather than \$1 billion, guaranteeing 95 percent of the loan rather than 80 percent and extending the terms from 5 years to 15. With this expansion, more companies will be able to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Mr. Speaker, in the congressional district I represent, steel companies like Laclede and Granite City Steel are seriously distressed. Many of my constituents are at risk of losing their jobs. It is of the utmost importance that we in Congress work hard to keep America's steel industry vital. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 808 and our steel industry.

## TRIBUTE TO NORM LEVIN

### HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2001*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an extraordinary and accomplished man, Dr. Norm Levin, and to congratulate him on his receipt of the prestigious 2001 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) from the California Society of Anesthesiologists (CSA).

I am proud to have known Norm for more than twenty years, having met with him countless times on issues affecting the medical profession and anesthesiologists. He always brings a well-balanced and thoroughly informed perspective to questions of policy, and he has the ability to see both sides of any given issue. I cannot imagine a more deserving recipient of the DSA.

Norm began his affiliation with the CSA in the 1970's and has been a powerful force within the organization for more than two decades. He has distinguished himself in so many ways, but his real strength has been in working with the state and federal governments to bring an understanding of important issues facing the CSA.

Norm has held nearly every office in the CSA, including Secretary, President-elect and finally President. He has chaired nine different CSA committees and served on more than thirty. Since 1989, Norm has been a member of the ASA Economics Committee, advocating on behalf of his colleagues.

Like Norm, the DSA is truly unique. It is one of few awards that are given only when a worthy nominee is identified. In fact, in ten of the years since 1976 the award has not been given.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Norm Levin for his tremendous contributions and to wish him continued success.

## BREISETH HONORED FOR LEADERSHIP IN WORK OF EARTH CONSERVANCY

### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 7, 2001*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who helped me realize a dream. Dr. Christopher Breiseth is being honored tonight for his role as the founding chairman of a non-profit organization we established together in Northeastern Pennsylvania almost ten years ago, and I wanted to take the time to share with my colleagues the extraordinary effort he put forward by leading the Earth Conservancy from its earliest turbulent days to the outstanding success it has now become.

Just over ten years ago, Chris, his wife Jane, and their youngest daughter Lydia came

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